



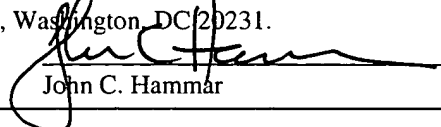
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Application No.:	09/731,945	Examiner:	Staicovici
Filing Date:	Dec. 7, 2000	Docket No.:	99-113A
For:	<i>Double Bag Vacuum Infusion Process</i>		

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Amendment

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Sir:

Applicant submits this AMENDMENT within the period of five months following the Examiner's Action dated June 25, 2002. Please extend the period for response two months and charge Deposit Account 02-2960 \$400 for such extension. If Applicant owes any other fee (including any fees under §1.17 or all required extension of time fees), please charge that fee to Deposit Account 02-2960. Please treat this paper (and any future reply) as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time, in the event that an extension is required.

The Restriction Requirement

The Examiner finds two groups that, in his eyes, define separate and distinct inventions.

Group I: Claims 1 and 3-12 for a process; and

Group II: Claim 2 for an article (made by the process).

The restriction rules unfairly discriminate against U.S. applicants insofar as an article and its method of manufacture are subject to restriction if filed by U.S. citizens

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